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HOUSE . . . . . No. 713

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*
Marc R. Pacheco	*First Plymouth and Bristol*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
David T. Vieira	*3rd Barnstable*

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By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 713) of Anne M. Gobi and others relative to the use of crossbows in hunting. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *3942* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 64 of Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking, in the title, the word "bows."

SECTION 2. Said section 64 is hereby further amended by striking the words "or any crossbow."

SECTION 3. Section 69 of Chapter 131 is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:-

Chapter 131, Section 69. A person shall not carry or use a bow and arrow or crossbow while hunting unless said bow and arrow or crossbow meet such requirements as may be set by rules and regulations which the director is hereby authorized to promulgate. Such rules and regulations shall prescribe general design, weight of pull, and type of bows and arrows or crossbows, and shall conform to standards generally accepted for hunting purposes.